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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON OPIUM

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

REF: ANKARA 2167

1. WE ARE VERY MUCH ON SAME WAVELENGTH. OUR ASSESSMENT OF
SITUATION, BASED LARGELY ON YOUR REPORTING, IS THAT

(A) GAME NOT YET LOST, BUT ODDS LENGTHENING AGAINST US;

(B) WE HAVE SOME TIME BUT MUST BE CAREFUL BECAUSE ECEVIT

OBVIOUSLY HOPES TO LURE US INTO DISCUSSION OF CONTROL

PROBLEM THUS ACHIEVING TACIT ACQUIESCENCE IN REVERSING THE

BAN; (C) THERE IS DANGER THAT INTEMPERATE STATEMENTS HERE

(AND THERE) WILL PRECIPITATE DECISION; (D) WE NEED TO

DEVELOP A CONTINGENCY POSITION; (E) WE NEED A POSITIVE

CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION PROGRAM.

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2. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT THAT THERE IS A NEED TO GET DIALOGUE ON LEVEL OTHER THAN DIRECT CONFRONTATION IF POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO GO BACK TO FONMIN WITH APPROACH YOU HAVE RECOMMENDED IN PARA 5, REFTEL. GENERAL LANGUAGE YOU PROPOSE USING IS CONSISTENT WITH MCNAMARA'S STATEMENT TO ME ON TELEPHONE (STATE 56257). I WOULD CAUTION YOU, HOWEVER, AGAINST WORDS LIKE "VERY SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES." ALTHOUGH MCNAMARA WAS VERY FORTHCOMING, I AM SURE HIS APPROACH WOULD BE TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY

CAPABILITY OF AREA TO ABSORB ASSISTANCE BEFORE COMMITTING "SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES." DESPITE THIS WORD OF CAUTION I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TRY TO ENGAGE TURKS IN DISCUSSION OF WHAT IBRD MIGHT DO IN FORMER POPPY AREAS, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO AVOID INTIMATION THAT MCNAMARA IS CARRYING BALL TO HELP MEET AN ESSENTIALLY U.S. PROBLEM (OR THAT WE ACCEPT THAT POPPY BAN IS ESSENTIALLY U.S. PROBLEM). IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL TALK WITH MCNAMARA AGAIN IF THIS PROMISES TO BE HELPFUL.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE IBRD, AT SCHEDULE IBRD BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 30 USG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT BANK WILL HAVE TO TAKE POSITION ON A 100 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FOR THE ELBISTAN POWER PLANT PROJECT. BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY, AFTER GETTING ADVICE OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS AND FINANCIAL POLICIES (ON WHICH STATE PARTICIPATES), WILL GIVE HIM U.S. POSITION. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION OF PRESSURE POINTS MAY BE PREMATURE, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

4. WE ARE ALREADY DEVELOPING WITH H A POSITIVE PROGRAM OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ADDRESSING ON AN URGENT BASIS SOME OF "WHAT IF" QUESTIONS. WE WILL COMMUNICATE OUR THOUGHTS AT APPROPRIATE TIME. RUSH

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